(vii) An Incentive Scheme has been introduced for reduction of transmission & distribution losses.

(viii) Emphasis is being laid on training of engineers and operation and maintenance personnel of power stations.

Installation of transformers in East Delhi by DESU

*358. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangement for installation of electric transformers for the electrification of colonies by the DESU are pending for want of land despite the fact that the lay-out plans of the colonies have been approved;

(b) if so, what is Government's policy for acquisition of land for such purposes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the DESU authorities are insisting to provide five plots, measuring 80 sq. yards each, for installation of five transformers in the Brijpuri Wazirabad Road, Shahdara Delhi; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) As per the prevalent policy, land for electric sub-station needed for electrification of any colony is required to be handed over to DESU free of cost by the concerned colonising agency. Request for electrification of a colony is considered for execution on completion of the prescribed commercial formalities by the sponsoring agency. In the case of unauthorised colonies in existence as on 1-1-1981., land for installation of transformer/ sub-station is required to be arranged by the residents association, sponsoring the electrification scheme of any such colony.

DESU has assessed the maximum load demand of Brijpuri colony as 1562.5 KVA. The transformation capacity needed for electrification is 1953 KVA. On 6-10-87, DESU had requested the sponsoring party to hand over 5 sub-station sites measuring 8x10 meters each with two approach roads, each 6 meter wide, for installing 5x400 KVA transformers. DESU can prepare the electrification scheme of this colony only when the requisite sites of the sub-stations, are handed over to it.

Setting up of National Gas Grid

*359. *DR. NARREDDY THULASI* REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal at present under Government's consideration to set up a National Gas Grid in the country;

(b) if so, what are the benefits thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The proposal for a national gas grid is part of a long-term perspective plan for the development and utilisation of natural gas. Its implementation will depend upon the establishment of adequate reserves of gas and availability of financial resources for its production and utilisation.

Representations from the telephone subscribers of Punjab

*360. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of representations received regarding grievances of telephone subscribers at various

places in Punjab during the last one year; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) Public Grievances received during last one year as per Secondary Switching Areas of Punjab are given below:

S.No.	Name of Area	No. of Grievances
1.	Amritsar	5861
2.	Bhatinda	497
3.	Ludhiana	3748
4.	Jalandhar	6642
5.	Patiala	837
6.	Pathankot	54
7.	Sangrur	412
8.	Ferozepur	1189
9.	Hoshiarpur	976
10.	Moga	490
11.	Chandigarh	3307
	TOTAL	24013

(b) The cases received have been disposed of suitably.

Import of drugs and Intermediates by IDPL and HAL

@2816. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of import of drugs and intermediates allowed to IDPL and HAL during the last three years for stock and sale;

(b) what was the landed cost of import of each, quantity imported during th esaid period and at what price the sales were made in the country;

(c) whether IDPL and HAL were free to charge price fixed for domestic production or whatever it deems necessary for these drugs and intermediates;

(d) whether it is a fact that issuance of such licences resulted in IDPL making an unintended benefit of rupees two crores during 1987-88; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Action against a private housing company

@@2817. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the action proposed/initiated against a private housing company which has duped a large number of people by swindling their large deposits as reported in the Sunday Mail dated the 18th October, 1987;

(b) the number of the depositors, total amount of deposits, total interest amount on the deposits as on date, number of refund applications and deposit amount for refund alongwith interest and refunds so far made; and

(c) the steps proposed for the refund to the depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Complaints have been received against M/s. Nahidco Housing Private Ltd. regarding unfair trade practices being

@Previously unstarred Question 2552 transferred from the 16th March, 1989.

@@Previously unstarred Question 2573 transferred from the 17th March 1989.